



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Approve Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for 3,000 Tons of Asphalt Materials for Fiscal Year 2006/07

MEETING DATE: April 19, 2006

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director


RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council approve specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for 3,000 tons of asphalt materials for fiscal year 2006/07.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The asphalt materials purchase is needed to carry out the annual street maintenance program that is guided by the Pavement Management System used by the Street Division and is consistent with past practices. The street maintenance program includes the thin overlay program and routine pavement repairs at an estimated cost of \$156,000. This is a simple purchase of materials which has traditionally been bid on by the only two asphalt suppliers in the area. The specifications are on file in the Public Works Department at the Municipal Service Center.

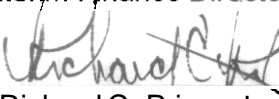
The amount of asphalt used by the Street Division has been reduced by 25%, from 4,000 tons to 3,000 tons, over the past two years due to budget reductions. The amount of asphalt requested for fiscal year 2006/07 is the same tonnage of asphalt approved for fiscal year 2005/06, but the estimated increase in cost of \$33,700 over the last fiscal year is due to the escalating cost of asphalt. As the 2006/07 budget has not yet been finalized, should the full amount of funding needed not be made available, staff will reduce the amount of asphalt to match the level of funding. The request is being made now in order to have a supplier in place for the summer maintenance season.

FISCAL IMPACT: This budget expense will assist the Street Division in its continuing effort to maintain the City of Lodi's asphalt paving.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: The money for this material will be coming from the Street Operating Budget 2006/07.



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